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TO: DIRECTOR NR. 062-18

FROM: LEGAT, BUENOS AIRES (109-2)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA.

ON MARCH 18, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
(AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE AAIS FROM THE HIGHEST LEVELS
OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INDICATE THAT THE ARGENTINE MILITARY WILL
STAGE A COUP D'ETAT AGAINST THE INCUMBENT PERONIST GOVERNMENT
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1976 OR POSSIBLY SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1976, ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE SENIOR ARGENTINE MILITARY ATTACHE IN EACH EMBASSY
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO BYPASS THE
RESPECTIVE AMBASSADOR IN EACH COUNTRY AND PRESENT HIMSELF TO
THE HOST GOVERNMENT, NOTIFYING THAT GOVERNMENT THAT THE
INCUMBENT PERON GOVERNMENT WILL BE REPLACED BY A MILITARY
GOVERNMENT. THIS NOTIFICATION TO THE SENIOR ARGENTINE
MILITARY ATTACHES IN THE VARIOUS EMBASSIES THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD WILL BE TIMED SO THAT THE SENIOR MILITARY ATTACHE WILL
HAVE AT LEAST TWELVE HOURS XADVANCE NOTICE OF THE ACTUAL
TIME OF THE MILITARY COUP D'ETAT. ~~(S)~~ (U) 109-2-1550

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[Col. Valin] 5 pm
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ACCORDING TO A RECENT REPORT PASSED FROM THE ARGENTINE ARMY HIGH COMMAND, TEN COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY INFORMALLY ADVISED ARGENTINE MILITARY ATTACHES IN THOSE COUNTRIES THAT IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION ^{WOULD} ~~WILL~~ BE PROVIDED TO ^{AN ARGENTINE} ~~THE~~ MILITARY GOVERNMENT. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE FUTURE ^{ARGENTINE} /MILITARY INCUMBENTS OF ALL IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT HAVE ALREADY BEEN DECIDED. FOR EXAMPLE, GENERAL DALLA TEA OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY HIGH COMMAND IS SLATED TO BECOME THE SECRETARY TO THE ARGENTINE PRESIDENCY. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE AAIS HAS BEEN RECEIVING DISTURBING REPORTS THAT JUNIOR ~~MILITARY~~ OFFICERS INTEND TO TAKE MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS PRIOR TO THE COUP D'ETAT WITH SPECIFIC TARGETTING AGAINST LABOR UNION LEADERS WHOM THEY CONSIDER TO BE LEFTISTS OR ESPECIALLY CORRUPT. THE AAIS IS CLOSELY FOLLOWING THIS MATTER IN AN EFFORT TO TAKE PREVENTIVE ACTION AGAINST THESE YOUNGER OFFICERS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ALBERTO VALIN, CHIEF, AAIS. } ~~(S)~~ (U)

LEGAT PERSONNEL WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE SECURITY
PRECAUTIONS.

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; INTERNAL SECURITY-
ARGENTINA.

ON MARCH 19, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
(AAIS) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE AAIS HAD PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THE
ARGENTINE MILITARY WOULD STAGE A COUP D'ETAT AGAINST THE
INCUMBENT PERONIST GOVERNMENT ON MARCH 20 OR MARCH 21, 1976.
BECAUSE OF UNSPECIFIED PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN THE CITY OF
ROSARIO, SANTA FE PROVINCE CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVE IMPOSITION
OF MILITARY CONTROL IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECTED COUP
D'ETAT, THE ARGENTINE MILITARY HAVE POSTPONED THE COUP D'ETAT
UNTIL TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1976. THE ARGENTINE MILITARY DO NOT
CONSIDER THE OVERTHROW OF THE PERONIST GOVERNMENT AS A
REVOLUTION OR COUP D'ETAT IN THE STRICTEST SENSE OF THESE
TERMS BUT WILL REFER TO THEIR ACTIONS AS A "MILITARY INTERVENTION" ~~(S)~~ (U)

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OF THE NATIONAL PROCESS" (INTERVENCION MILITAR EN EL PROCESO NACIONAL). ~~(S)~~ (U)

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[SOURCE IS COL. ALBERTO VALIN, CHIEF OF AAIS.] ~~(S)~~ (U) LEGAT
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3/20/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

COUP PLANNING

On 3/19/76, a ranking official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (AAIS) provided the following information: ~~(S)~~ (U)

The AAIS had previously received information that the Argentine military would stage a coup d'etat against the incumbent Peronist Government on March 20 or March 21, 1976. Because of unspecified problems encountered in the city of Rosario, Santa Fe Province, concerning the effective imposition of military control in connection with the projected coup d'etat, the Argentine military have postponed the coup d'etat until Tuesday, 3/23/76. The Argentine military do not consider the overthrow of the Peronist Government as a revolution or coup d'etat in the strictest sense of these terms but will refer to their action as a "Military Intervention of the National Process" (Intervencion Militar en el Proceso Nacional). ~~(S)~~ (U)

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3/23/76

LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

MILITARY DISAGREEMENT ON CABINET POSITIONS

On 3/22/76, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) provided the following information: ~~(S)~~ (U)

A disagreement has developed between the military over the future designation of DE LA HOZ as Minister of Economy. This disagreement resulted in the failure to carry through on previously agreed transport of Argentine Army Officers from the Moron Air Force Base during the morning of 3/22/76 for various destinations throughout the country, where these Army Officers would carry out their assignments in connection with the coup. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS -
ARGENTINA.

ON MARCH 22, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA, PROVIDED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MARCH 22, 1976, THE MON-
TONEROS, AN ARGENTINE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, CARRIED OUT A
BOMB ATTACK ~~XXXXXX~~ AT A STORAGE LOT OF THE CHRYSLER
CORPORATION IN SAN JUSTO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. THERE WERE
NO PERSONAL INJURIES AND MODERATE MATERIAL DAMAGE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE - COORDINATED LOCALLY. [SOURCE IS COMISARIO
MAYOR VICENTE GATEAZZO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTELLIGENCE,
FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA.] (S) (U)

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1 - 105-767 (Montoneros)

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